



## Round Valley Indian Tribe

### Elected Officials

President: James Russ

Vice President: Carlino Bettega

Secretary: Eloisa Britton (*also the 106 staff person*)

Treasurer: Douglas Hutt Jr.

**Environmental Manager:** Vacant

Bernadine Whipple (Interim)

**Land Base:** 30,537 acres

**Primary Economy:** Motel, gaming, RV Park

**Population and Poverty (2010 Census):** 401 residents live on the Reservation; 33.3% of residents live below the poverty level.

**Educational Attainment (of persons over 25):** 92.9% have at least a high school diploma; 11.2% have a bachelor's or graduate degree.

### EPA Funding (2014-2015)

CWA 106	\$60,000
CWA 319	\$30,000
GAP	\$47,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$137,200</b>

### General Information

Round Valley Indian Reservation was established in 1856. The Reservation, which today has a checker board pattern, is comprised of 30,000 acres located in Northern Mendocino County in the Northern Coastal Range. The Reservation is one mile north of the town of Covelo and is bisected by the Eastern part of Interstate Highway 162. Its Northwestern boundary runs along the Eel River and North Fork Eel River. To the Northeast and Eastern boundaries are the Hulls Creek and Williams Creek. In the Southern area a small portion of the Reservation lies within the relatively flat valley of Round Valley.

The Round Valley Indian Tribes have approximately 4,500 members. The Reservation is made up of seven Tribes. They are the Yuki, Pit River, Nomlacki, Concow, Pomo, Little Lake, and Wailaki. The current rate of unemployment is about 70%.



Approximate Location of Tribal Lands

### CWA 106

The Tribe first received 106 grant funding in 1998 and developed a QAPP in 1999 enabling them to monitor their surface waters. Monitoring has shown some water quality issues, including sediments from stream bank erosion, heavy metals, and nutrients from a variety of sources.

In addition, the Tribe uses grant funds to educate staff, provide community education through tribal meetings and middle school education, and report on their water conditions. As an example of their education component, the Environmental Program manager Eloisa Britton taught a "What Belongs in the Creek" curriculum to the Head Start program.

The Tribe is interested in future funding to determine the pesticide effects on water from agricultural sources and illegal marijuana grow operations.

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**CWA 319**

FY15 was the Tribe's first year with nonpoint source pollution monitoring and prevention. The Tribe successfully competed for 319 competitive funding for FY16; the \$100,000 project will focus on restoring the riparian area of Mill Creek and include stream bank reinforcement, native plant vegetation, and erosion control. For FY16, Eloisa Britton, the Environmental Program Manager, will update her Nonpoint Source Assessment Report and Management Plan to address new sources of pollution and related Best Management Practices. The environmental office is creating curriculum to present in community education events in the future and published some newsletter article information for the Tribe.

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**Solid Waste**

The Tribe does not have an approved Integrated Waste Management Plan. Draft plans on record are from 1994 and 2000. In 2014, the Tribe received GAP funds to update their IWMP for review by EPA and approval by Council. In May 2015, they submitted an updated draft plan for EPA review and comment. EPA provided written comments in June 2015 following a conversation discussing the draft plan. The Tribe is interested in getting their IWMP approved by Council to then pursue GAP funding for open dump site clean-ups.

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**Drinking Water System Inspection**

The Tribe has a drinking water system, for which EPA provides oversight. Additional information about the system is attached.

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**General Assistance Program**

The GAP funded EPA Manager position has been vacant since March 4, 2015. (b) (5)

One of the ongoing problems of the Tribe is illegal dumping. The Tribe's EPA program has cleaned up illegal dumpsites continuously over the years. In order to address illegal dumping issues on the reservation in the future, under the new GAP Guidance, the Tribe will need to approve an IWMP and establish a waste management program.

Through GAP funding, the Round Valley Indian Tribes seeks to continue to build the capacity necessary of the Tribe to administer a better, and growing Tribal EPA program.

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